the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India to be appointed by the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Minister of Delhi;

(b) three members of Legislative Assembly of Delhi representing constituencies which comprise wholly or partly the New Delhi area;

(c) five members from amongst the officers of the Central Government or the Government or their undertakings, to be nominated by the Central Government; and

(d) two members to be nominated by the Central Government in consultation with the Chief Minister of Delhi to represent from amongst lawyers, doctors, chartered accountants, engineers, business and financial consultants, intellectuals, traders, labourers, social workers including social scientists, artists, media persons, sports persons and any other class of persons as may be specified by the Central Government in this behalf.

(2) The Member of Parliament, representing, constituency which comprises wholly or partly the New Delhi area, shall be a special invitee for the meetings of the Council but without a right to vote.

(3) Out of the eleven members referred to in sub-section (1), three shall be at least three members who are women and one member belonging to the Scheduled Castes

(4) The Central Government shall nominate, in consultation with the Chief Minister of Delhi, a Vice-Chairperson from amongst the members spicified in clauses (b) and (d) of sub-section (1).

CConstitution of a separae State of Hilly districts of Uttar Pradesh

3663. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for constituting a separate State comprising hilly districts of U.P., has been pending for decision with the Union Government;

(b) if so, since when it has been pending, alongwith its present position;

(c) the reasons for delay in this regard and

(d) the policy of Government and the steps proposed to be taken in matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) The Government of Uttar Pradesh forwarded resolutions adopted by the State Legislature on December 16, 1991 and September 9, 1994 for the creation of a separate State of Uttaranchal/Uttarakhand comprising the eight hill districts. Consultations are being held with the leaders of Uttarakhand movement at different levels in order to find an amicable solution. As this is a delicate and sensitive issue, it may not be possible to lay down a definite timeframe.

Infiltration of smugglers in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu

3664. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the coastal areas of Tamil Nadu infiltration of smugglers is on the increase;

(b) if so, what steps the Centre propose to put down this invasion of smugglers;